

WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 4, 2012

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the Washington County Commission was called to order by Chairman Alan D. Gardner at 4:00 p.m. on December 4, 2012, in the Commission Chambers, Washington County Administration Building, St. George, Utah. Those in attendance were Chairman Alan D. Gardner, Commissioner James J. Eardley, Commissioner Dennis Drake, Washington County Administrator Dean J. Cox, Deputy County Attorney Eric Clarke, and Deputy County Clerk Christine Hall.

Commissioner Eardley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Consent Agenda is a means of expediting routine matters which come before the Commission for approval. The Consent Portion of the agenda is approved by one (1) non-debatable motion. If any Commissioner wishes to remove an item from the Consent Portion of the agenda, then that item becomes the first order of business on the Regular Agenda.

- Consideration of Auditor Approved Claims for Payment for November 14, 2012, through December 4, 2012
- Consideration of Approval of Regular Commission Meeting Minutes of October 16, 2012
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Real Property (attached)
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Personal Property (attached)
- Consideration of Applications for Settlement or Deferral of Property Taxes
Mike Taggett, S/N H-65-A-1
- Consideration of Applications for Property Tax Abatement (4)
Peter Boehme, S/N SG-SUR-11-833; Linwood & Kimberly Green, S/N SC-VY-10-4; Robert Kelly, A/N 503220; and Dixie Wilson, A/N 0672827
- Consideration of Renewal of Food Provider Agreements for the Council on Aging: Donalene Brady (St. George), Katie Beth Lance (Hurricane), and Verla Wilson (Enterprise) for 2013
- Consideration of Renewal of Library Transport Contracts between Washington County and Bret Bowler (Enterprise), Robert Groke (New Harmony), and Sheralyn Madsen (Springdale)
- Consideration of Renewal of Consulting Agreement between Wendy Sandberg and Washington County for the 2013 Washington County Fair
- Consideration of Renewal of Standard Cooperative Agreement for Utah State University Extension Educational Work for 2013
- Consideration of Renewal of Public Defender Agreements between Alan Boyack, Aric Cramer (2), Gary Kuhlmann, Michael Lastowski, Travis Marker, Michael

Rawson, Candace Reid, Douglas Terry (2), Jay Winward, and LaMar Winward, and Washington County, to Provide Public Defense Services for Indigent Defendants in the Fifth Judicial District, the Fifth Judicial Juvenile Court of Washington County, the Washington County Justice Court, and Appeals from these Courts, for the Year 2013

Actions of the Washington County Planning Commission Meeting / 11/13/12

Conditional Use Permit: Request permission for a "Sweetheart Half Marathon," February 9, 2013, starting at Old Highway 91 on the west side of Utah Hill on the Beaver Dam Slope and running to Ivins. Jeremy Frehner, applicant.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Drake to Approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eardley and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Eardley, and Drake voting aye.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH / CAROL HOLLOWELL

Representing the Volunteer Center of Washington County was Julie Duckett, on behalf of Carol Hollowell. She presented the Volunteer of the Month, Keith Van der Woort, who has volunteered since 2005. Mr. Van der Woort has been a tax aide, worked at the hospital, the Chamber of Commerce, helped with the Huntsman World Senior Games, and is currently donating time at the Dinosaur Museum.

PURCHASE REQUESTS / TREVOR COOMBS

HCP, Mojave Desert Tortoise Population Monitoring,	
Through Utah Division of Wildlife	\$80,000.00
Road Department, road materials for repairs in County	17,195.37

All purchases are budgeted, bonded, or paid for through grant funds.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Eardley to Approve the Purchase Requests. Motion seconded by Commissioner Drake and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Eardley, and Drake voting aye.

PUBLIC HEARING: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT SMALL CITIES PROGRAM FOR FY 2013

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Drake to Table the Public Hearing for the Community Development Block Grant Small Cities Program for RY

2013. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eardley and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Eardley, and Drake voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2012-1683, A RESOLUTION TO RATIFY THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION ACTION GRANTING PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENTS TO PROPERTY OWNERS IN SANTA CLARA WHOSE PROPERTY WAS DAMAGED BY SEPTEMBER 2012 FLOOD

This resolution ratifies the Assessor's Office adjusting the value of those homes that were damaged during the September 11th flood, decreasing their value for the last quarter of this year.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Drake to Adopt Resolution No. R-2012-1683, A Resolution To Ratify The Washington County Board Of Equalization Action Granting Property Tax Abatements To Property Owners In Santa Clara Whose Property Was Damaged By September 2012 Flood. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eardley and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Eardley, and Drake voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2012-1684, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT NUMBER ONE TO THE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION AND WASHINGTON COUNTY

Amendment Number One changes slightly the monetary values assigned to employees of various positions in the Extension Office.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Eardley to Adopt Resolution No. R-2012-1684, A Resolution Approving Amendment Number One To The Cooperative Agreement Between Utah State University Extension And Washington County. Motion seconded by Commissioner Drake and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Eardley, and Drake voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2012-1685, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN EVERBRIDGE, INC., AND WASHINGTON COUNTY FOR MASS NOTIFICATION SERVICES (A.K.A. REVERSE 911)

Emergency Services Director Pete Kuhlmann explained that three (3) years ago, Washington County installed a Reverse 911 system for emergency notification. That contract was paid through federal grant money, and that contract expired in October of this year. Because of difficulties with that system, the Emergency Services Office sent out Requests for Proposal, received three (3) bids and asked the three (3) lowest bidders to do a presentation for the communications community. Everbridge, Inc., was not only the lowest bidder but also seemed to be the best of the three systems. He asked the Commission to award the contract to Everbridge, Inc. Only a portion of this cost will be borne by Washington County; other participating municipalities will contribute on a pro-rated share based upon population.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Drake to Adopt Resolution No. R-2012-1685, A Resolution Approving The Execution Of A Service Agreement Between Everbridge, Inc., And Washington County For Mass Notification Services (A.K.A. Reverse 911). Motion seconded by Commissioner Eardley and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Eardley, and Drake voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2012-1686, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN GLOBAFONE SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS AND WASHINGTON COUNTY FOR SATELLITE PHONE SERVICES

Mr. Kuhlmann said that the Emergency Services Office has purchased ten (10) of these satellite phones for the region, two (2) for each county, to provide emergency communications in the event of a loss of electricity or telephone communication. He pointed out that cell phones can occasionally fail, while satellite phones cannot.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Eardley to Adopt Resolution No. R-2012-1686, A Resolution Approving The Execution Of A Service Agreement Between Globafone Satellite Communications And Washington County For Satellite Phone Services. Motion seconded by Commissioner Drake and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Eardley, and Drake voting aye.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

No items were presented today.

PUBLIC WORKS OR ROAD BUSINESS

Washington County Public Works Director Ron Whitehead said that the Shivwits/Old Highway 91 project is still ongoing but will hopefully be finished by the end of December. Traffic is traveling on alternate routes, and Mr. Whitehead urged citizens to exercise caution in this area.

The Gunlock project is now complete.

He is awaiting final authorization from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), U. S. Fish & Wildlife, and other federal agencies to proceed with the rest of the projects. Commissioner Eardley asked about any progress on the old route that was washed out in 2005, and Mr. Whitehead said that his office is still waiting for the BLM to reply to that request. Washington County has provided the Environmental Analysis (EA), which was prepared by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), and BLM has requested additional information on the project.

COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING BUSINESS

County Administrator Dean Cox said that periodic updates and revisions are required to maintain the Washington County Policy and Procedures Manual current. Section 10, which covers the dispute resolution process, has been reviewed and amended to clarify internal and external appeal procedures.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Eardley to Approve the Amended Dispute Resolution Processes for Career Service Employees, as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Drake and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Eardley, and Drake voting aye.

Request A Closed Session

None.

There being nothing further to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

CHRISTINE S. HALL
DEPUTY CLERK

ALAN D. GARDNER
CHAIRMAN